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## WHO WILL BE THE DEMOCRATIC MAYOR OF GREATER ST. JOSEPH?

For He Will Be a Democrat, and Will  
Govern it for the Benefit of  
all the People.

The Friends of the Candidates are Now  
Pushing Claims with Vigor and  
Earnestness.

The Whitsell episode has been the means of starting the mayoralty campaign in real earnest, and as a result there is now a noticeable increase in the activity of those Democrats who are aspiring for this coveted honor, as in the past three days conferences have been held and the organization of forces has begun. From this time on the campaign for the nomination will be vigorous, notwithstanding the fact that the date for the Democratic primary has not yet been fixed, although an early meeting of the city central committee will be held and the time set.

A movement which had for its object the drafting of Col. James H. McCord as the party candidate, has failed of accomplishing the desired result, as Col. McCord has, as on previous occasions refused to become the standard bearer, as his great business enterprises will not permit of his tak-



DR. J. C. WHITSELL

ing the time necessary to give the city the administration that goes with all matters that come under the control of Col. McCord.

### Dr. Whitsell's Case

The question which has arisen as to the eligibility of Dr. J. C. Whitsell, who was considered the most aggressive candidate, has caused considerable change in the situation, and if he is taken out of the race it may simplify matters much, as it was generally conceded that Dr. Whitsell would be able to take votes from all of the other candidates. Dr. Whitsell is a man of great energy and determination, and has the great knack of making friends—a very powerful adjunct in a race for office.

There are some fine points in the question raised as to his eligibility, and the friends of the doctor see as many in his favor as the other side of the question presents to those who are opposed. The fact that he has maintained an office and been in business here since 1907, it is conceded, would be a valuable point in the determination of the question of his eligibility.

### MAJOR WILL RUN

The Governor Will Be a Candidate for  
Vice President or for the United  
States Senate

The question of what Governor Major of Missouri will do, which has been a much vexed one, has at last been definitely settled—and by Gov. Major himself. He has made his own statement, and that is beyond dispute.

After the banquet of the Twenty-eighth Ward club in St. Louis last week, at which the governor was a guest, he went to Washington, where he urged the appointment of Judge Graves to the supreme bench. This dispatch from there will tell its own story. It says:

Washington, Jan. 11.—"I will either be a candidate for vice president of the United States or a candidate for the senate from Missouri."

That unequivocal statement was made by Governor Major of Missouri

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### Henry Vogelmann Active

Since his resignation from the police board, Henry Vogelmann has been particularly active, something that he could not consistently do while he was a state official, and as a result his followers have also developed much activity. Mr. Vogelmann is recognized as one of the substantial business men of the city and has always been active and aggressive in every movement that has the advancement of the city at heart.

The fact that Mr. Vogelmann is representative of the large German population of St. Joseph it is calculated by his followers will have much to do with bringing him a heavy line of support. Outside of the office of police commissioner he has never before held or asked for public preferment.

### Curtin's Friends Working

The friends of Dave Curtin have assumed a vigorous attitude, and his stock has been on the up-grade for the past few days, owing to the vigorous boosting it has had through their efforts. While Mr. Curtin has made no public announcement, he has nevertheless pleased his hosts of friends by the manner in which he has assisted them in their efforts.

It is figured by his friends that the close race which he gave to Mayor Marshall the last election, which was conducted under adverse circumstances, will be a powerful factor in his favor in the coming race, and his supporters are not losing sight of that pertinent and potent fact.

### Robinson Doing Good Work

And to the friends of Walter H. Robinson it must be conceded that they have done splendid work in his behalf. They fully realize the fact that their candidate stands high in business and financial circles and that he has decided executive ability, which would stand him in good hand as head of the great city of St. Joseph.

As a campaigner Mr. Robinson has few equals and his large personal following, it may be depended on, will make him a potent factor when the real test comes. There will be nothing left undone by his following to pluck the plum.

A movement was started to attempt to bring out Louis V. Stigall as a candidate, but Mr. Stigall, owing to the fact that he is now the head of the Monroe club, has refused to take a part in the contemplated program.

Several dark horses, it is said, are now being groomed for the race, but so far they have not come out into the open. Taken in all, the race promises to be a pretty one, and the winner will be the next mayor of St. Joseph.

### MISSOURI MAY HAVE AN UNFINISHED CAPITOL

Will Have to Pass New Laws Before  
State House Can Be  
Completed

It is possible that Missouri may have an undecorated state capitol building if the statement of E. W. Stephens, chairman of the capitol commission, is correct.

Stephens states that the recent decision of the supreme court, which said the capitol commission had no authority to spend an appropriation of \$300,000 for furniture, has set members of the commission to studying the law. They have found that no provision has been made for decorations. If such provision is not included in the bill which finally will allow the purchase of furniture, then it will be up to state officials to pain the walls and hang their own pictures

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### KIND WORDS FOR REED

Missouri's Newspapers Championing  
His Cause and Ask That He Be  
Renominated and Re-elected

Forty or fifty exchanges from south-east Missouri are received in The Standard office, and not one paper against Senator Reed for re-election. In the early months of the Wilson administration several papers, of which The Standard was one, thought Mr. Reed was filibustering against some of the Democratic measures under discussion, but time has shown that Senator Reed was right, and when these measures became laws they were perfect and had teeth in them.

The banking law in its present perfect condition is due to Senator Reed's foresight and staying qualities. If it had not been for this one law, Wall street would have caused the greatest panic in the money market that ever occurred in the history of the country. He is the most brilliant orator in the senate and as a debater has no superior. With Senator Stone and Senator Reed representing Missouri, she will have the strongest representatives of any state in the Union. Senator Reed should be renominated and re-elected, and no mistake.—Sikeston Standard.

### A NEAT LITTLE REWARD

Sixty Thousand Dollars is the Amount  
That is Available for St. Paul  
Robbers

The party or parties who capture the robbers who broke into and robbed the St. Paul federal building of \$600,000 worth of federal revenue stamps last week will make a rich haul, according to information received from postoffice inspectors who are working on the case.

The St. Joseph police are on the lookout for the robbers, and if they land in this city will take them into custody.

According to the information furnished, the practice of the government is to make the award for the capture of the robbers ten per cent of the theft. According to that, the "picking" for the lucky man or men will be in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

### MAY SPIKE A GUN

An Unburnt Letter From William  
Jennings Bryan Regarding the  
One-Term Plank

Washington, Jan. 13.—There is in existence a letter written by William J. Bryan in which the Commoner practically releases President Wilson from any obligation under the single term plank of the Baltimore platform, not to run for a second term. President Wilson's political advisers expect to use this letter against Mr. Bryan if the latter, as has been intimated, seeks to make any issue of a second term for Mr. Wilson.

This letter was written by Mr. Bryan in 1913, when a resolution was pending in congress limiting the presidency to a single term. Mr. Bryan wrote to a member of congress that the one-term plank was intended merely as a declaration of policy and should not be binding on any individual until legislation had been passed and it applied to all parties alike.

This information followed today on the heels of a disclosure as to President Wilson's own views on the one-term plank.

The understanding here now is that the president will encounter the opposition of Bryan in his effort to be renominated, notwithstanding the Bryan letter. Bryan feels that there has been no serious effort on the president's part to live up to the spirit of the one-term plank, and he will attack him on that score.

### GOES AFTER THEM

Editor Moorhead Does Not Believe  
That Teddy the Terrible is  
the "Only" Savior

When it comes to standpatism, Deacon Moorhead, the well-known editor of The Journal of Hopkins, is, as the old saying relates, "there with the goods"—and he is not to be flim-fammed or bamboozled by any Bull-moosey—for he will not be handled. And here, in his last issue, in his own words, is his def:

If it is really true that only one man in the United States is capable of saving the Republican party, then we say let the Republican party go straight to—defeat, for it would be unworthy of success. It is the Democratic sympathizers and mugwumps who are putting up the one man savior talk.

### IS NO WONDER

Biggerstaff Was in Plattsburg  
and That is Given as the Reason  
for a "Hot Air" Story

Plattsburg, the capital of Clinton county, was "all writ up" in the Sunday Gazette. One would think, after inhaling the veritable sirocco of hot air, that the citizens of that erstwhile moral and law-abiding town were at each others' throats, and that a killing and knock-down-and-drag-out was staged about every thirty minutes. Many people here who read the Plattsburg papers wondered why, with so many homicides and assaults as chronicled in The Gazette, that the Plattsburg papers never heard enough of the doings to mention them. It was hardly thought possible that the papers there had become so calloused and hardened that such affairs did not even rise to the dignity of a casual mention, for if they knew of such occurrences they never noticed them.

But a possible explanation reached this paper Tuesday, which may explain the situation. A Plattsburg correspondent writes: "Bryant Biggerstaff was in Plattsburg a few days ago, and that, we think, accounts for the 'hot air' article in Sunday's Gazette. Next to his obituary, that takes the cake."

Biggerstaff will be well remembered as the versatile and luridly imaginative young man who for a short time held down a "port-folio" in The Gazette's local rooms and whose crowning achievement in newspaper fakerism was when, some years ago, he sent out, via the Associated Press, a lurid and blood-concealing story from Covington, Ky., detailing how, after a desperate battle against overwhelming forces of robbers, he was murdered—literally hacked to pieces—and his scattered and dead remains were found some hours later robbed of a half bushel, more or less, of money, diamonds, etc.—principally the latter ingredient.

It is needless to remark that immediately on discovery of the real truth, the Associated Press corrected the story and B. B. left for other fields.

### BACHELORS WILL DANCE

The New Social Organization to Give  
a Grand Ball Next Wednesday  
Night

Bachelors Club! And the year A. D. 1916! Leap year, too! Somebody will be up against the Eternal Question next Wednesday evening at the Auditorium when one of the classy dances of the year will be given under the auspices of the new social club recently organized, the Bachelors club, with a membership of young business men, well known socially.

The officers and members of this club are using every effort to bring to St. Joseph for this occasion their friends and acquaintances, and when they get them here, it is only a conjecture, but it is thought that many an eligible bachelor will go to his respective mansion that night with a light heart and in his possession a real, honest-to-goodness genuine "proposal" from the Only Girl in All the World, inasmuch as the gender feminine have waited over four years with beating hearts and fond expectation this golden opportunity to propose to their ideal and idol.

### CALLICOTTE DISGUISED AS A WOMAN

George A. Callicotte, a former Rock Island brakeman, was arrested in the back yard of his home Saturday by five deputy sheriffs and Rock Island operators, after a fierce struggle, and taken to the county jail, where he is now incarcerated in default of bail in the sum of \$10,000. He is charged with subornation of perjury. When arrested Callicotte was disguised as a woman. Last year he secured a verdict of \$18,000 against the Rock Island as the result of an alleged fall from a train, which he claimed caused total paralysis. After his arrest, Dr. M. J. Farber, his physician, Joseph Goldman and B. L. Liberman, his attorneys, Thomas Hicks and George Callicotte were also arrested, all charged with subornation of perjury. They were all released on bond.

## ONE REASON GAS SUPPLY IS SHORT

The 'Hungry Wolves' of Kansas  
Taking All of the Earn-  
ings for Their Fees

### NOTHING WITH WHICH TO PROMOTE PRODUCTION

In a Scathing Address Governor Capper of the Sunflower State Denounces the Legalized Extortion Which, Through Its Influence, Has Caused the Gas Consumers of St. Joseph To On More Than One Occasion Feel the Effects of The

Since the cold weather the people of St. Joseph who depend more or less on natural gas for cooking and heating purposes have felt the iron heel of the Kansas manipulators of the vapor, who have, through their intrigue and machinations, made it impossible for the St. Joseph Gas company to at all times supply their patrons here with a sufficient volume of the product. The persons guilty of this outrage on the people of St. Joseph are the receivers and the lawyers for the Kansas Natural Gas company, whom in a caustic address at Parsons the other night Governor Capper of the Sunflower state characterized as "a pack of hungry wolves trailing a hamstrung steer and not entitled to as much respect as a bank burglar."

Governor Capper did not mince words and his address was a scathing denunciation of the courts that would permit such pillage and the men who would take such fees, which the public must ultimately pay.

The governor was speaking before the Anti-Horsethief Association, in session there. His subject was "Law Enforcement." He explained in detail how hard it was to enforce laws when such "robberies" as the Kansas Natural Gas receivers were perpetrated upon a long suffering public, and asserted that such "lawful extortion" had been the cause of much of the prevailing disrespect for law now so apparent in this country.

### Weak in Respect for Law

"Perhaps our greatest weakness as a nation," said the governor, is our lack of respect for law. This is not to be wondered at when it appears that our courts and our great corporations may evade and ignore or impede the law with impunity, whenever and wherever they see fit. We have seen, over and over again, a fatal paralysis overtake justice when a smart lawyer and a long pocketbook were in the case, and only law and justice and a smaller pocketbook were on the other side to oppose them.

"We have recently learned that in the Kansas Natural Gas case twenty-one lawyers and receivers participated in the grab, some of them receiving as high as \$22,000 each. The total cost of this brief receivership, which the people ultimately will have to pay, is nearly one-third of a million dollars. "We now find the state receivers in this case—receivers appointed by a Kansas court—resisting efforts of the state to restore this public utility to service."

### "Like a Pack of Hungry Wolves"

"Lawyers to right of them; lawyers to left of them; lawyers in front, behind and all around them, like a pack of hungry wolves trailing a hamstrung steer, this is the position of the Kansas Natural Gas company and the people of Kansas. The lawyers, by raising a federal question now have the receivership case in the federal courts and further rich picking in fees and emoluments will be added to the hundreds of thousands already bled from the public. Meantime the whole Middle West is receiving such a lesson on the decadence of some of its courts and forms of law that a way to protect the public from such betrayal and legalized robbery in future impresses the people as imperative.

"The attorneys and receivers who participate in this graft seem to have no sense of decency, no feeling of shame when it comes to appropriating money to their own use, which they are presumed to hold as a sacred trust.

Court Allows "Raiding," He Declares  
"The court managing this business is supposed to stand guard over the

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### DR. IMPEY STRICKEN

A Former Well Known Physician and  
Surgeon of Northwest Missouri  
Is Called Away

Dr. Charles Impey, formerly one of the well known physicians of Northwest Missouri, but who has for a number of late years practiced his profession in Omaha, was fatally stricken on Monday afternoon and passed away in a few moments. Dr. Impey was born in New Market, Platte county, and afterward with his father, Dr. Francis Impey, resided at Savannah. After graduating in medicine from the University of Kentucky, of Louisville, he practiced for several years at Graham, Mo., and when the new town of Skidmore was founded, he was one of its first professional men, practicing there until 1885, when he removed to Omaha, where he has since resided. Of his taking away the Omaha World-Herald says:

"Stricken suddenly with cerebral hemorrhage while riding in an automobile, Dr. Charles Impey, among the oldest and most popular of Omaha physicians and surgeons, died at 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

"With Dr. Impey in the automobile was his son, Dr. C. C. Impey. The two physicians were on their way to make a call at the Wise Memorial hospital.

"While driving along, father and son had been chatting about matters incident to their profession. When nearing the hospital the elder Dr. Impey sped for breath and lapsed into unconsciousness.

"Throwing on full speed, Dr. C. C. Impey dashed up to the hospital entrance. A hasty examination while in the automobile showed the son that his father was already dead.

"For some time past Dr. Impey had been troubled with high blood pressure and arterial disorder, but had not been alarmed, and had not missed a day from his office. Yesterday morning he had performed a delicate operation at the Wise hospital, and was returning to care for other patients when death overtook him.

"Dr. Impey was 63 years old. After completing his medical education he came to Omaha in 1885 and had practiced continuously in this city ever since. He and his son had offices together in the Brandeis Theater building.

"Dr. Impey was a member of the American Medical association, and was a prominent member also of the state, county and Omaha medical societies. He was a member of the Wise Memorial hospital staff of physicians.

"The family residence is at 3523 Pacific street. His wife, three sons and two daughters survive him. Two sons and a daughter, Dr. C. C. Impey, John E. Impey and Mrs. W. H. Downey, reside in Omaha. One son and a daughter, C. F. Impey and Mrs. E. H. Blakeley, are residents of Oakland, Cal."

The funeral occurred from the family home Friday afternoon.

### THE FORD PEACE TRIP

It Will Take Less Than Three Days'  
Production To Pay the  
Entire Bill

The search for peace so far has cost Henry Ford:

Expenses of entire expedition, up to arrival in Norway (estimate by Gaston Plantiff, Ford's general manager), \$125,000.

Wireless bill during voyage, \$10,000.

Tips to crew of Oscar II, \$950.

Contribution to Norwegian Students' association, \$10,000.

Expenses of the party at Christiania, \$9,000.

Left behind to finance remainder of expedition (reported), \$270,000.

Given to Oswald Garrison Villard to fight preparedness, \$20,000.

Total estimated, \$444,950.

Number of Ford cars which must be sold to realize this sum (estimating Henry Ford's profit at \$100 per car), 4,450.

Daily output of the Ford Motor Car Company of Detroit, 1,800 cars.

Number of days' work required by Ford factories to finance peace expedition, 2 days, 5 hours, 46 minutes, 40 seconds.

### WILL ENRAGE A RABBIT

Until He Will Stand On His Hind  
Legs and Charge An Open-  
Mouthed Bull Dog

Washington, Jan. 14.—When it comes to concoctions used as a substitute for liquor in sections where statutory prohibition prevails, officials of the internal revenue bureau are not easily shocked. Today, however, there was genuine amazement over a

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